



CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

Ensuring
value,
upholding
integrity

ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025



OUR VISION

To be the Model for Efficient and Effective
Public Procurement in Mauritius



OUR MISSION

To ensure Value for Money in Public Procurement
and Timely Acquisition through a Fair, Transparent,
and Accountable Process



OUR VALUES

Accountability; Ethical Practices; Equality/
Fairness; Integrity; Quality; Transparency

The image is a composite background. At the top, there are dense green tree branches with some yellowing leaves, suggesting a sunny day. In the center, the flag of Mauritius (red, blue, yellow, and green horizontal stripes) flies on a tall pole. To the right of the flag, a small flock of birds is flying. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible under a clear blue sky. At the bottom, a calm blue beach or sea is visible, framed by more green foliage. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the image.

***Championing Transparent
Public Procurement in Mauritius***



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CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

The Central Procurement Board (CPB), initially a body corporate, presently operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance. It is mandated under the Public Procurement Act 2006 to approve the award of major contracts by public bodies. A contract is classified as *major* when its value exceeds the prescribed financial threshold applicable to the respective public body, which ranges from Rs 20 million to Rs 135 million, as specified in the Public Procurement Regulations 2008. Accordingly, all procurement activities undertaken by public bodies where the estimated costs exceed the prescribed limits must be referred to CPB for approval.

HISTORY

The CPB replaced the former Central Tender Board, marking a significant reform in the public procurement system. It was established under Section 8 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and became operational in January 2008. The main objective was to create an independent organisation to strengthen transparency, fairness, and accountability in the award of major government contracts.

Since its inception, the CPB has continuously evolved to meet the growing demands of modern public procurement. It has introduced structured internal procedures to enhance the procurement processes and to ensure value for money and equitable treatment to all bidders.

Over the years, the role of the CPB has become crucial in the management of public funds, contributing significantly to meeting the developmental and social goals of the nation.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The key objectives include:

1. Ensure Value for Money
2. Promote Transparency and Fairness in all procurement activities
3. Ensure Compliance with the Public Procurement Act and related Regulations
4. Enhance the Quality of procurement operations
5. Capacity Building
6. Support the Digitalisation of procurement processes



Chairperson's Foreword



I am pleased to present the annual report of the Central Procurement Board (CPB) for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025, in compliance with Section 8A of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006, as amended.

For the record, this is the sixth annual report that I have the honour to present, and this is also my last as I have completed my two non-renewable three-year mandate.

In last year's report, I delved into details regarding the core mission of the CPB, which, under the Public Procurement Act (PPA), concerns the core activities of 1) vetting of bid documents and 2) evaluation of bids received. I had also written about the additional measures taken by the Board, for example, a due diligence exercise is carried out by in-house experts on the evaluation report to provide another level of assurance that all due procedures under the PPA have been complied with, before the Board makes a decision.

Additionally, recruitment of new evaluators and their training have also proven to be most beneficial as the CPB now has a larger pool of independent experts, from which to constitute the evaluation teams. The Experts are provided with opportunities for further enhancing their professional capacities in matters of procurement, through training programs available online.

We have continually strived to improve the quality of bidding documents and reduce the number of amendments that are made, which inevitably lead to delays. Furthermore, the concept of value for money and life cost cycles has been introduced. These are particularly most relevant and important when purchasing equipment/machines, as sometimes the cost of servicing and maintenance can make the equipment more costly over time.

The report gives a true account of the vetting and evaluation carried out during the year. It is to be noted that the number of major projects implemented since the Covid 19 has been on the decrease.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I am ending my term of office, having, over the last six years, worked very hard to put in place a very sound management structure and as well as procedures and processes for vetting and evaluation, with checks and balances, with the collaboration of the staff at the CPB.

I pay my respect and tribute to each and every member of the CPB, from the DCE, the Manager, the Assistant Managers, the Central Procurement Officers, the Engineers, the Administrative Cadres, the Secretaries, to the Office Attendants and the Drivers. Each one of them has served the CPB loyally with distinction, with the highest level of integrity and professionalism. These characteristics are most important when dealing with procurement, which is subject to fierce competition and also under severe scrutiny by all concerned.

The number of cases subject to challenges and appeals to the Independent Review Panel during the last six years bears testimony to the team's professionalism.

I have a special thank you for our colleagues at the Procurement Policy Office, the Officers of the Solicitor General's Office, and representatives of the Public Bodies for their valuable collaboration and support.

The CPB has hosted many visits from overseas National Procurement Agencies, and this is another testimony that the CPB's reputation as a procurement agency of the highest calibre in the world is viewed as a model. Our visitors are all very impressed with the most democratic, transparent, and accountable procurement systems in place, with challenges and appeals, and this further enhances the reputation of the Republic of Mauritius. This creates trust and encourages competition.

Please enjoy reading the report.

Raj Hemansing Prayag GOSK. PDSM. PEng. CEng. MICE. B.Sc. MSc. FIEM
Chairman

Deputy Chief Executive's Report



I am indeed very proud and feel greatly privileged to present the Central Procurement Board's Annual Report 2024/25. Section 8A of the Public Procurement Act 2006 (PPA) requires the Central Procurement Board (CPB) to prepare an annual report.

For the year under review (i.e., 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025), ample statistics have been provided in this Annual Report to illustrate the number of projects vetted, evaluated, and approved for award of contracts. During the 2024-2025 financial year, the CPB received forty-two (42) projects, of which forty (40) were processed through the e-Procurement System. The total estimated cost of the projects received amounted to MUR 21 billion. Of the forty-two (42) projects received, four (4) were evaluated and approved for awards within the same period. The Board approved a total of twenty-five (25) projects during the financial year ending 30 June 2025, including 21 projects from the previous financial year.

The bidding documents for three (3) projects were returned to the respective Public Bodies either at the vetting stage or after bid opening. In addition, four (4) projects were returned as the procurement exercises were required to be undertaken by the Public Body concerned.

For six (6) projects, missing documents, revised bidding documents, financial clearance, or replies from Public Bodies/PPO/ Attorney General's Office were being awaited. One project (1) was kept in abeyance. Evaluation was not carried out for one (1) project. No approval of the award of contract was conveyed for three (3) projects as the bids were either abnormally high or non-responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents.

For the projects still in process as at 30 June 2025, fifteen (15) were at the vetting stage; two (2) were at the invitation to bid stage, and three (3) were at the evaluation stage.

During this Financial Year, delegations from Namibia and Seychelles visited the CPB. The delegation from Namibia was led by the Deputy Executive Director of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Jutus Mwafongwe, and comprised thirteen (13) representatives from the Namibian Ministry of Finance, the Central Procurement Board of Namibia, and the office of the Prime Minister of Namibia. The objective of this visit was part of a benchmarking mission aimed at exploring the mandate, operations, and best practices of the Mauritius's Public Procurement institutions.

The delegation from Seychelles was headed by Mrs. Marie Nella Fred, Chief Executive Officer, National Tender Board, and comprised six (6) representatives. The objective of their visit to Mauritius was to explore the e-Procurement System implemented across all the Public Bodies.

These two visits have helped to address key issues and foster the exchange of views and ideas to enhance the procurement system. The delegations informed that they aspire to develop their electronic procurement system based on the model implemented in Mauritius.

The CPB is committed to delivering procurement services that uphold the highest standards of quality, transparency, and efficiency. To give credibility and recognition to the quality and standard of procurement procedures, the CPB is currently working for certification to the International Standard Organisation (ISO). This will further enhance the image and reputation of Mauritius as a place of excellence for doing procurement.

ISO will help our operations to be guided by both national and international frameworks, ensuring compliance and excellence at every stage.

At the national level, CPB will align with Mauritius Standards established by the Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB), while also adopting globally recognised ISO benchmarks. This dual approach reinforces dedication to quality and safety.

In addition, CPB will integrate sustainability principles through ISO 20400:2017 guidelines, embedding environmental, social, and economic considerations into procurement decisions. This strategy will promote responsible supply chain management.

The CPB is fully aware of its responsibility to apply good governance throughout the organisation. We are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of transparency and equity in the execution of our duties and to fulfilling obligations towards all our stakeholders.

I wish to conclude by thanking the Chairman, Board Members, Management, and Staff of the Central Procurement Board for their unflinching support.

Let me also seize this opportunity to thank the Procurement Policy Office, the Independent Review Panel, the Competition Commission, and all our stakeholders, Public Entities, Private Sector, the Civil Society, and the Media for their cooperation and support.

J. Rughoobur
Deputy Chief Executive

THE BOARD



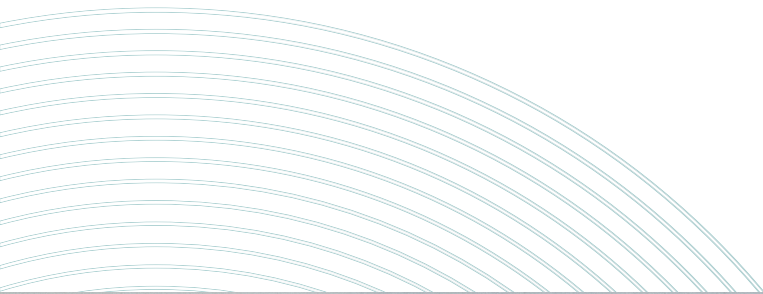
1.1 THE BOARD

The Board consists of six full-time members, namely:

- (a) a Chairperson
- (b) 2 Vice-Chairpersons; and
- (c) 3 other persons having wide experience in legal, administrative, economic, financial, engineering, scientific, or technical matters and appointed by the President of the Republic, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, tendered after the Prime Minister has consulted the Leader of the Opposition, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Prime Minister.

Every member is mandated to hold office for a period not exceeding 3 years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional term. The Board has its Code of Ethics and a Scheme of Service for each post at the CPB.

Whilst the Board retains overall responsibility, it delegates certain roles and responsibilities to its Sub-Committees as and when required. The Subcommittees devote the necessary time and resources to ensure rigour in decision-making on the issues for which the Board does not have sufficient time.



1.2 BOARD MEMBERS



Mr. Raj Hemansing **PRAYAG**,
GOSK, PDSM, B.Sc. M.Sc. PEng, C.Eng. MICE, FIEM
(Chairperson)



Mr. Swaminathan **RAGEN**
(Vice-Chairperson)



Mr. Chittaman **JUGROO**
(Vice-Chairperson)



Mr. François **SENEQUE**
(Member)



Mr. Abdool Samad **SAIRALLY**
(Member)



Mr. Dyaneshwar **RAMDHONY**
OSK
(Member)

1.3 GOOD GOVERNANCE AT THE BOARD

Good governance is crucial to the Central Procurement Board's mandate and daily operations. Being a key procurement institution responsible for the approval of major government contracts, the CPB is committed to the principles of integrity, transparency, accountability, and fairness in the discharge of its statutory functions.

The CPB exercises its duties independently and without fear or favour, thereby reinforcing a culture of good governance within the organisation. CPB has its operational manual, which clearly defines the procedures, the roles and responsibilities of everyone at every stage of the procurement process. The manual provides for an inbuilt system of internal control/checks and balances starting from the vetting of bidding documents, bid openings, evaluation of bids, up to the approval of award of contracts. Decisions are taken collectively by the board and are fully documented to guarantee transparency, consistency, and accountability.

Furthermore, the CPB has continuously engaged with all stakeholders including the Business Mauritius to create awareness of the procurement methods from invitation to bid to the decision-making process as well as the procedures for challenges and appeals under the PPA.

In its pursuit of continuous improvement, the CPB is advancing towards ISO certification, which will further strengthen its management systems and align its operations with international standards of quality and assurance.

The Board also promotes cooperation and coordination with key stakeholders such as the Procurement Policy Office (PPO), Independent Review Panel (IRP) and the Public Bodies to ensure consistency, transparency, and fairness across the public procurement landscape.

Through its unflinching commitment to ethical governance and institutional integrity, the CPB strives to become a landmark of good governance in the procurement of major contracts in Mauritius.

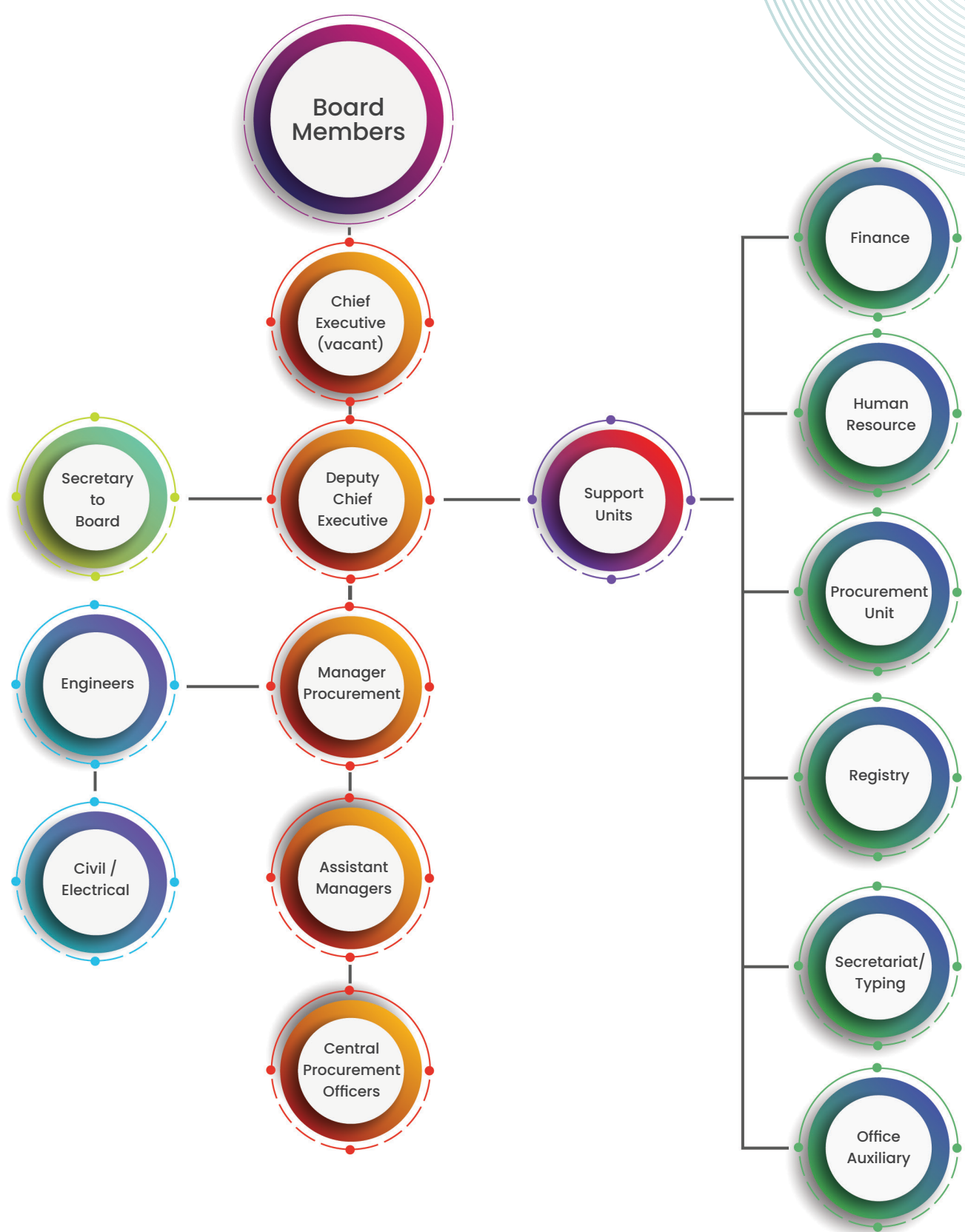
1.4 MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

During the financial year 2024-2025, the Board met almost every Monday and Thursday. The Board held the following number of meetings as detailed below:

- (i) 99 formal Board meetings;
- (ii) 31 ad-hoc Board meetings;
- (iii) 35 meetings with Public Bodies, mostly for vetting of bidding documents; and
- (iv) 1 Regular periodic meeting with the Procurement Policy Office;
- (v) 2 Delegation visits from Namibia and Seychelles Procurement Authorities.



2.0 ORGANISATIONAL CHART



MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Management Team is headed by the Chief Executive, who is responsible for the execution of the policy, procedures and decisions of the Board, assisted by the Deputy Chief Executive. However, since April 2023, the post of the Chief Executive is vacant and the CPB is being operated under the Management Team comprising the Deputy Chief Executive, the Manager and the seniormost Assistant Manager as shown below:



Mr. Jaichand **RUGHOOBUR**
Deputy Chief Executive



Mrs. Renouka Devi **CHETTIAR**
Manager



Mrs. Rajnee **RAMJUTTUN**
Assistant Manager

The Deputy Chief Executive plays a pivotal role by providing leadership and by ensuring the effective and timely implementation of the Board's policies and decisions. He oversees the daily operations, promotes good governance, and ensures compliance with the regulatory framework. He also ensures that Board papers are properly prepared and submitted promptly, and keeps the Board informed of all significant matters requiring its consideration.





TECHNICAL TEAM

The Technical Team comprises officers of the procurement cadre, namely the Manager, Assistant Managers, Central Procurement Officers, and the Engineers. The Technical Team forms the backbone of the organisation's operational efficiency as they play a critical role in the vetting of bidding documents and also carry out due diligence on the evaluation reports prepared by the external independent experts to comfort the board that all due process have been fully complied with. Officers of the Procurement Cadre ensure compliance with established rules and regulations, while the Engineers provide essential technical expertise in assessing specifications contained in bidding documents and carrying out due diligence on bid evaluation reports. Together, the team strives for value for money by ensuring that only the best evaluated substantially responsive bids are recommended for award and maintains the high standards expected by the Board in the national interest.



Mrs. Renouka Devi CHETTIAR
Manager



Mr. Yovindra POTHIAH
Electrical Engineer



Mrs. R. Ramjuttun, Mrs. P. Budhai, Mrs. W. Mooraby and Mrs. F. Abdul
Assistant Managers



Mrs. P. Poinapen, Mrs. P. Sibartie, Mrs. A. Koosul, Ms. Tow Nam and Mrs. S. Sookhoo
Central Procurement Officers

2.1 FUNCTIONAL UNITS AT CPB

The core staff of the CPB is composed of two principal units: the Administrative Unit and the Technical Unit.

(i) The **Administrative Unit** encompasses all support functions and is, inter alia, responsible for planning, coordination, supervision, performance measurement, human resource management, budgeting, information technology and statistics, supplies, registry, and the management information system.

- The **Administrative Unit** provides essential logistical and administrative support, including managing office space, coordinating various functions, and arranging meetings and events. By effectively managing these logistical activities, the Unit ensures that officers are equipped with the necessary tools and resources to carry out the core activities of the organisation efficiently, thereby enhancing overall productivity.
- The **Registry Unit** is central to the organisation and is dedicated to managing information throughout its life cycle—from creation or receipt to final disposal. The Unit is responsible for receiving and issuing correspondence, as well as classifying, storing, securing, retrieving, and tracking files and information, and ensuring their proper disposal or permanent preservation. It plays a vital role in safeguarding the integrity and confidentiality of information, while also promoting transparency and accountability within the CPB.
- The **Human Resource Unit** plays a key role in supporting the CPB's operational efficiency by managing all aspects of human capital. It is responsible for maintaining a conducive working environment, for recruitment, training and development, performance management, employee welfare, and ensuring adherence to established HR policies and procedures.
- The **Finance Unit** plays a crucial role in ensuring the sound financial management of the CPB. It is responsible for preparing the annual budget, monitoring expenditure, and managing public funds judiciously by ensuring that all transactions comply with established financial regulations and procedures as stipulated in the Financial Management Kit.
- The **Procurement Unit** of the CPB acts as the guardian of its assets and resources. It manages the procurement, storage, and distribution of supplies, equipment, and materials essential for daily operations. This unit guarantees the smooth day-to-day functioning of the CPB by providing the necessary resources and logistics, which support fulfilling its mandate. It is also responsible for cost control, reducing waste, and ensuring value for money.

(ii) The **Technical Unit**, on the other hand, shoulders a broad spectrum of responsibilities, specifically concerning the procurement of major projects. This unit is manned by the Manager, Assistant Managers, Central Procurement Officers/Senior Central Procurement Officers (CPOs/SCPOs), and qualified Professionals in the fields of Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering who work under the administrative control and supervision of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Board.

The CPB remains committed to providing all employees with a safe, healthy, and sound working environment. Regular Management and Safety & Health meetings are held to identify, assess, and mitigate risks, ensuring that the well-being of every employee is safeguarded. Through these continued efforts, the CPB upholds its duty of care and fosters a workplace where staff feel cared for and motivated.

SUPPORT STAFF



Confidential Secretaries



Support Staff



Support Staff
Office Auxiliaries



Support Staff

MOVEMENT OF STAFF DURING THE FY 2024-2025

Description	Number of Officers
Staff as at 01 July 2024	52
Retirements during the year	2
Transfers to other Ministries/Departments	2
Officers joining CPB	4
Officer on leave without pay	1
Officer on pre-retirement leave	1
Staff as at 30 June 2025	52



FINANCIAL REVIEW



3.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW

The CPB has incurred total costs of MUR 60.3 million for the Financial Year 2024 / 25.

Analysis of CPB costs for FY 2024/25

The CPB has recorded total costs of MUR 60.3 million for the Financial Year 2024/25. Notably, staff costs make up the largest portion, accounting for 67.6% of these total expenses. Fees paid to Assessors have significantly decreased (-29.6%) from MUR 4.8 million in FY 2023/24 to MUR 3.3 million in FY 2024/25

3.1 Breakdown of Costs

Table 1: Expenditure for FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25 and Budgeted FY 2025/26

Items	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	Budget FY 2025/26
	Rs	Rs	Rs
Staff Costs	39,670,222.73	40,744,713.06	48,400,000.00
Fees to Assessors	4,802,312.50	3,381,153.76	9,000,000.00
Rental of Premises/ Parking Slots/Service Charges and Utility Costs	8,601,629.40	9,914,908.27	10,490,000.00
Office Expenses and Postages	730,562.75	414,166.69	550,000.00
Maintenance of Buildings, Equipment, Vehicles and Others	1,067,015.74	3,353,887.14	3,050,000.00
Publications, Printing, Books and Periodicals	977,817.28	850,003.50	1,300,000.00
Other Recurrent Expenditure (Training Fees, Uniforms, Cleaning etc)	510,519.92	541,182.00	1,385,000.00
Office Furniture and Equipment	3,828,757.20	444,128.50	525,000.00
Acquisition of IT Equipment	3,431,871.74	638,930.70	500,000.00
TOTAL	63,620,709.26	60,283,073.62	75,200,000.00

Year-on-Year Cost Comparison

1. **Overall Expenditure:** There was a decrease of approximately 5.2% in total expenditure from FY 2023/24 to FY 2024/25, dropping from Rs 63,620,709.26 to Rs 60,283,073.62.
2. **Staff Costs:** Increased by 2.71%, reflecting a larger proportion of the total budget in FY 2024/25 (from 62.3% to 67.6%). This suggests a priority on maintaining human resources.
3. **Fees to Assessors:** Decreased significantly by 29.6%, as most of the Bid Evaluation Reports have been subject to review following Board's decision and projects not yet finalised. In addition, no. of Projects received in FY 2024/25 has decreased compared to FY 2023/24.
4. **Rental and Utility Costs:** Increased by 15.3%, reflecting higher costs and an expansion in the number of rented premises.
5. **Maintenance Expenditure:** Saw a dramatic increase of 214.9%, suggesting a focus on improving or maintaining infrastructure, equipment, or facilities.
6. **Office Expenses & Postages:** Reduced significantly by 43.3% and the main reason being that in FY 2023/24, there were more postages to be paid as some 200 letters were issued mainly to Assessors.
7. **Office Furniture and IT Equipment:** Both items saw substantial decreases, indicating a shift in spending priorities or possibly a one-time purchase in the previous fiscal year.
8. **Other Expenditures:** Most other items either remained stable or experienced minor fluctuations, suggesting a controlled expenditure strategy.
9. **Budget Consumption (FY 2024/25):** For FY 2024/25, the CPB was allocated a budget provision of Rs. 74 million, of which 81.5% (approximately Rs. 60.28 million) has been utilized to date. The expenditure breakdown reveals significant allocations towards various operational needs, with the largest individual expense being Rs. 40.74 million, which supports core functions and services. Other notable expenses include Rs. 9.91 million for rental fees, and smaller amounts for various administrative and operational costs, reflecting a strategic focus on efficient budget utilization. This high consumption rate indicates effective management of resources, ensuring that the majority of the budget is directed towards fulfilling the CPB's objectives and operational requirements. This analysis reflects CPB's strategic focus on enhancing operational efficiency and capacity while managing costs in a challenging economic environment.



4.0 STATISTICS

4.1 Major Projects Received

During the 2024-2025 Financial Year, the CPB received 42 projects out of which 40 were received online through the e-Procurement System.

The total estimated cost of the projects received is MUR 21.0 billion, as detailed below:

Table 2 – Procurement Projects Received by Type

Project Type	2023/2024		2024/2025	
	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)
Buildings	14	2,500.05	4	645.91
Roads, Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	6	1,526.70	3	1,288.78
Public Utilities	11	12,561.20	4	11,019.82
Other Works	9	1,361.24	5	2,082.28
SUB-TOTAL (WORKS)	40	17,949.19	16	15,036.79
Goods	5	7,653.47	10	2,412.12
Consultancy	0	0	1	105.00
IT	0	0	2	976.00
Other Services	10	1,527.02	13	2,481.85
GRAND TOTAL	55	27,129.68	42	21,011.76

Sixteen (16) of the projects received were Works projects with a total estimated cost of MUR 15.0 billion, representing 38.1%. Ten (10) Goods projects represent 23.8% with a total estimated cost of MUR 2.4 billion, one (1) Consultancy 2.4% for MUR 105 million, two (2) IT projects 4.8% for MUR 976 million and thirteen (13) Other Services 30.9% for MUR 2.5 billion.



The projects received during the Financial Year 2024-2025 (by category) are listed below:

Figure 1 – Project Category

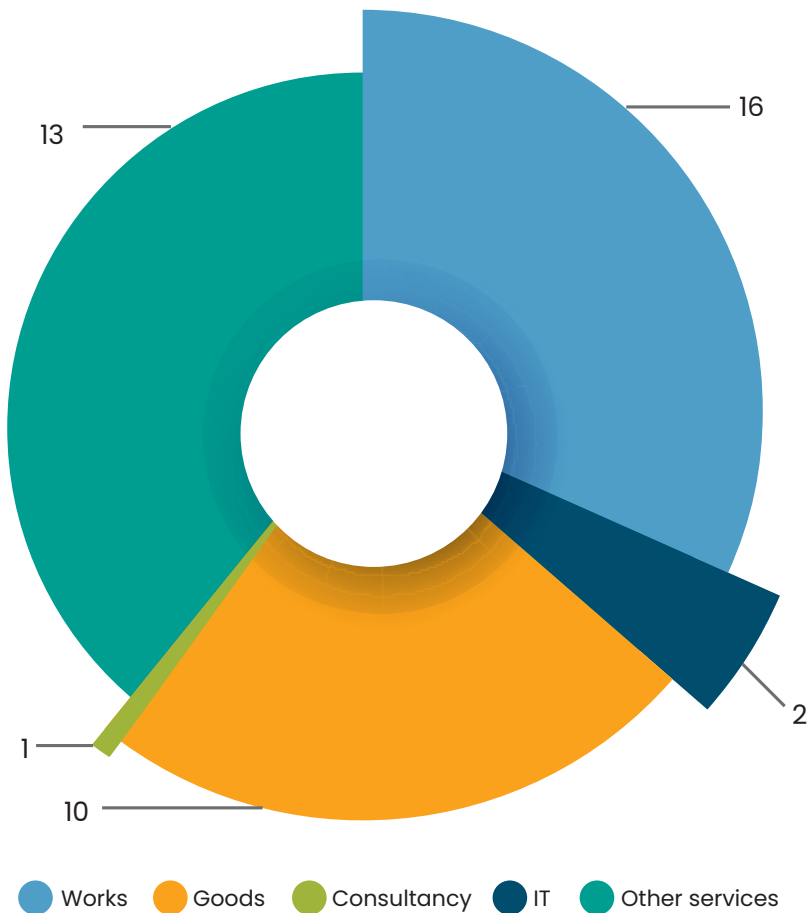


Table 3 – List of Received Procurement Projects

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Buildings		
1	Construction of a Gymnasium at St Felix	65.66
2	Framework Agreement for Construction and upgrading of Amenities and Associated Works for a period of two years (2024-2026)	413.22
3	Procurement of Completion of Outstanding works to the Multisports complex at First Floor and major consolidation works at Ground Floor at the Abercombe Market Fair Building Port Louis	119.89
4	Procurement for the Construction of a Multipurpose Complex at Rivière du Rempart	48.14

Table 3 – List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions		
5	Construction of a Flyover on Motorway M2 at Labourdonnais (Design – Build/Turnkey)	478.00
6	Upgrading of Rouselle Bridge (Design, Build Turnkey)	147.82
7	Procurement for Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues	662.95

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Public Utilities		
8	Construction of Rivière Des Anguilles Dam	8,100.00
9	Contract WW545W Completion and Commissioning of Works in Zone CP20, Zone CP21, including Pumping Station PS 1A and Refurbishment of existing Pumping Station PS 2 under the Grand Baie Sewerage Project Phase 1B Lot 2 (Relaunch of WW 516W)	299.79
10	Supply of Smart Energy meters and implementation of Advanced metering Infrastructure (AMI)	2,483.60
11	Refurbishment of Poudre D'Or Balancing Tank & Associated Works	136.44

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Other works		
12	Operation and Maintenance of Poudre D'or Transfer station and Transportation of Wastes from Poudre D'or Transfer station to Mare Chicose Landfill for a period of 36 months	326.82
13	A framework Agreement for Construction and upgrading of Drains and Associated Works for a period of Two years (2024-2026)	849.97
14	Operation and Maintenance of Roche Bois Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes From Roche Bois Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	361.00
15	Operation and Maintenance of La Chaumière Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from La Chaumière Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill for a Period of 30 Months	326.49
16	Operation and Maintenance of La Brasserie Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from La Brasserie Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill for a Period of 36 Months	218.00

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Goods		
17	Procurement of 100 fully Built High Floor Diesel Buses	400.00
18	Procurement of Medical Gas for all Hospitals for two years (2025-2027)	261.89
19	Procurement of Dialysis Consumables kits (For Years 2025-2027)	330.00
20	Supply and Distribution of Enhanced Meals to ZEP Schools of Educational Zones, 1 to 4	210.00
21	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 256-Slice Computed Tomography Scanner for Radiology Department, SAJ Hospital	75.00
22	Procurement of Consumables for the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit for all Hospitals	112.80
23	Procurement of CT- SCANNER for Queen Elizabeth Hospital	75.00
24	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Grid-Tie Roof-Mounted Solar PV Installations for a Total Cumulative Capacity of 5 MWac on Public Buildings for the Republic of Mauritius	289.07
25	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 15 Nos Containerised Pressure Filtration Plant including Chlorination System	310.88
26	Procurement of Gas Oil for CHCL for a period of five years (Under Framework Agreement)	347.48

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Consultancy		
27	Framework Agreement for Consultancy for Drain Works, Roadworks and amenities projects on a zone wise basis for a period of three years	105.00

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
IT		
28	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of an e-Social Security System	474.00
29	Procurement of Supply, Installation, Testing Commissioning and Maintenance of an e-social Security System	502.00

Table 3 – List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Other Services		
30	Procurement of Services for Provision of Scavenging Services, Street Cleaning including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes within the Municipal Council of Curepipe for a period of 36 months for Housing Estates	109.18
31	Procurement for street cleaning Refuse Collection and Disposal Services including carting Away of Post Cyclonic Waste in Part Village of Central Flacq	52.57
32	Cleaning and Maintenance of Lot 1: Central Flacq market/fair, Lot 2: Lallmatie Market/Fair Lot 3; Central Flacq Traffic Centre	47.43
33	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including carting away of Post Cyclonic waste for Lot 4 in the City of Port Louis for year 2024-2027	69.40
34	Procurement of Beach Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Maintenance of Toilets Blocks and Provision of Watchmanship Services on main Public Beaches for Lot 4	85.90
35	Procurement of Laundry Services for Hospital Clothing for a period of three (3) years	290.04
36	Provision for Cleaning Services for Toilets/Blocks/Premises, Toilet/Bathrooms and Sluices in All Hospitals and other Institutions for period of Two (2) years	286.40
37	Procurement of Beach Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Maintenance of Toilet Blocks on Secondary Public Beaches for Lot 3 for a period of 36 months	136.74
38	Procurement for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Waste in the Town of Beau Bassin Rose Hill for a period of 36 months	163.97
39	Procurement of Services for Maintenance and Repair of Ship to Shore Cranes, Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes and Substations at Mauritius Container Terminal	825.00
40	Procurement for the provision of Scavenging Service, Cleaning of Market and Fairs, Traffic Centres, Playgrounds and other Public Places and Disposal of wastes including Carting Away of Post-Cyclonic Waste within the Township of Curepipe	91.74
41	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, including carting away of post-cyclonic waste in the coastal village at Trou D'eau Douce	33.44
42	Procurement of Laundry Services for Hospital Clothing for a period of three (3) years	290.04

4.1.1 Status of Projects

As at 30 June 2025, the status of the 42 projects received is as follows:

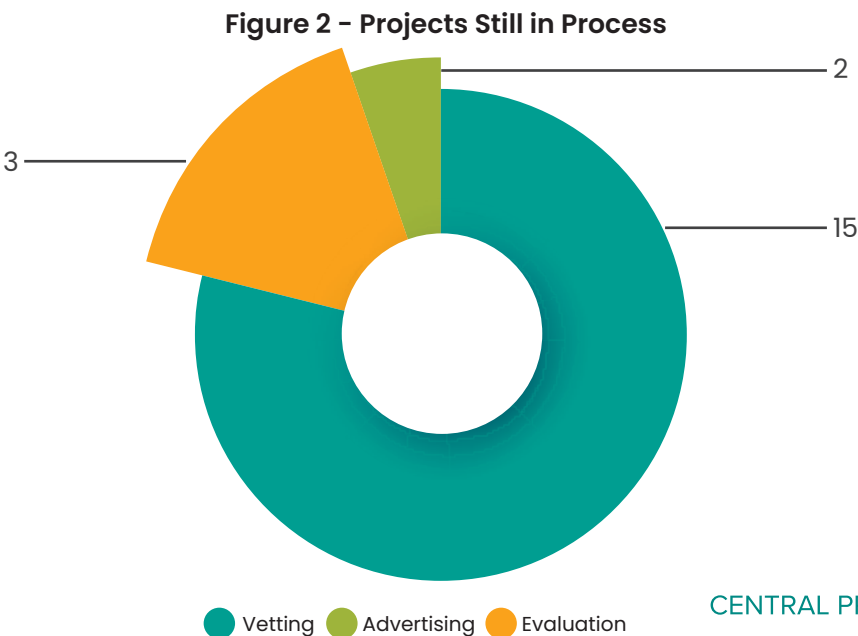
Table 4 – Status of Received Procurement Projects

Description	Count
Approval of Award	4
Non-Approval of Award	3
Returned to Public Body	3
Procurement to be conducted by Public Body	4
Awaiting missing documents/revised documents/clearance/replies	6
In abeyance/delayed	1
Evaluation not carried out	1
No bids received	0
In Process	20
TOTAL	42

Four (4) projects were approved for award of contracts by the Board. Three (3) projects were not approved for award because either the bids were abnormally high or non-responsive to the requirements of the bidding document.

Bidding Documents for three (3) projects were returned to the respective public bodies either at the vetting stage or after the opening of bids. Four (4) projects were returned as the procurement exercise needs to be conducted by the Public Bodies at their level. For six (6) projects, missing documents/revised bidding documents were still being awaited. One (1) project was kept in abeyance due to no financial clearance. One (1) project, the evaluation of bids was not carried out as the bid price was above 25% estimated cost.

As for the twenty (20) projects which were still in process as at 30 June 2025, fifteen (15) were at the vetting stage, mainly due to incomplete submissions and therefore awaiting further submissions to complete the bid documents; Two (2) were at the advertising stage; and three (3) were under evaluation.



4.2 Vetting of Bidding Documents

Table 5 – Vetting of Bidding Documents

Vetting of Bidding Documents	2023–2024	2024–2025
No. of Bidding Documents	50	26
Total Vetting Duration (Days)	3283	1982
Average Vetting Duration (Days)	66	76

The bidding documents for a total of twenty-six (26) projects were vetted during the financial year 2024–2025. The overall vetting time—measured from the date of receipt of all required information, including the complete set of draft bidding documents and drawings, up to the date of approval by the Board—for all 26 projects amounted to 1,982 days. This corresponds to an average vetting period of 76 days per bidding document. This was considered to be unsatisfactory by the Board. Lowering the number of days for the vetting was a constant concern and much discussions were held with a view to empowering the preparers and reviewers of the bidding documents through training.

One of the core functions of the Board is the vetting of bidding documents and notices submitted by public bodies for major projects. This exercise is carried out in-house by the Technical Team, which comprises Engineers and Officers of the Central Procurement Cadre. For complex or highly specialised projects where in-house expertise may be limited, the Board outsources the services of external professionals or technical experts, as provided under Section 12(1)(d) of the Public Procurement Act 2006.

4.3 Public Bid Opening Sessions

Table 6 – Public Bid Opening Sessions, 2023–2024 & 2024–2025

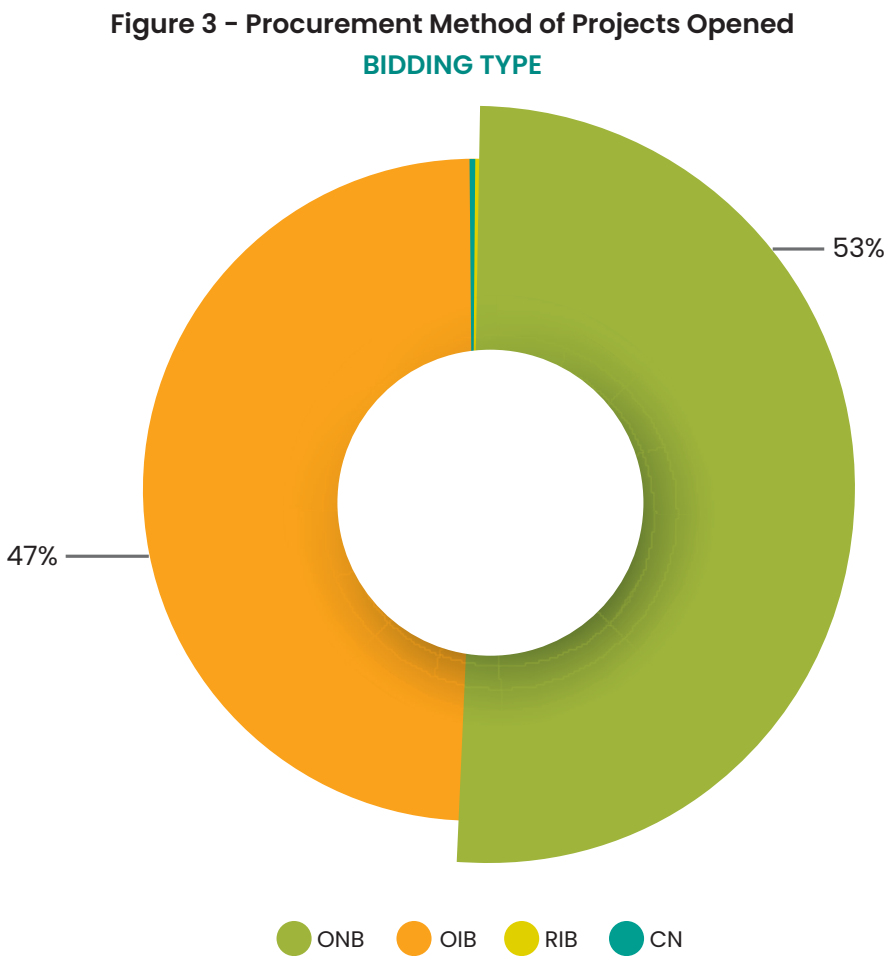
Public Bid Opening Sessions	2023–2024	2024–2025
Number of Sessions	40	34
Total No. of Bids received	143	128
Median	3	4

A total of 34 Bid Opening Sessions were held during the Financial Year 2024–2025. The total number of bids received was 128. The median number of bids received was 4. The lowest number of bids received for a project during the financial year was 1, while the highest was 29.

The bidding methods used for major contracts for the procurement of Goods, Works, Consultancy Services, and Other Services, as provided under the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006, are:

- Open International Bidding (OIB)
- Open National Bidding (ONB)
- Restricted Bidding (RB)
- Competitive Negotiations (CN)

53 % of the projects that were opened used the Open National Bidding (ONB), and 47% were through Open International Bidding (OIB), as shown in the diagram below:



4.4 Evaluation of Bids Received

During the Financial Year 2024–2025, bids received for 30 projects and were evaluated for a total of 1,154 days. This corresponds to an average evaluation period of 38.5 days per project.

Table 7 – Evaluation of Procurement Projects, 2023–2024 & 2024–2025

Projects Evaluated	2023–2024	2024–2025
Number of Projects	42	30
Total Evaluation Days	1,017	1,154
Average Evaluation Days	24	38.5

In its pursuit of good governance and to expedite the evaluation process, the CPB, in line with Section 11(d) of the Public Procurement Act 2006, maintains a pool of qualified and competent evaluators. This database comprises a diverse range of professionals possessing the requisite skills, expertise, and

experience in their respective fields. The Board selects suitable evaluators from this pool based on the nature and technical requirements of the project being procured.

To minimise delays in the evaluation process, evaluators are selected based on both their qualifications, experience in evaluation and their availability. The CPB also encourages the appointment of experienced retired officers who can serve full-time on a regular basis as members of Bid Evaluation Committees. Their availability and expertise help ensure that evaluations are completed within the timeframe allocated by the Board.

The established KPI for completing an evaluation is fifteen (15) working days. Although this target may appear ambitious, the CPB remains confident that, with its enhanced processes and improved coordination mechanisms, the 15-day evaluation timeframe will soon be consistently achieved.

Evaluators are allocated a defined number of hours to complete their assignments, ranging from ten (10) to fifty (50) hours. The allocation depends on the number of bids received, as well as the value and complexity of the project under evaluation.

The CPB also provides technical assistance to Bid Evaluation Committees, upon request, particularly for complex projects, to ensure that the quality of the Bid Evaluation Reports is not compromised.

4.5 Approval of Award

For the Financial Year ended 30 June 2025, the Board approved the award of contracts for twenty-five (25) projects, representing a total contract value of MUR 9.1 billion. Of these, twenty-one (21) projects were carried forward from the previous financial year.

The Board approved the award of contracts for fifteen (15) Works projects, amounting to MUR 7.1 billion. In addition, three (3) projects relating to the procurement of Goods, with a total contract value of MUR 1.0 billion, were approved. The remaining approvals concern seven (7) projects for Other Services, with a combined contract value of MUR 0.8 million.

Table 8 – Approved Procurement Projects by Type, 2023/2024 & 2024/2025

Project Type	2023/2024		2024/2025	
	Count	Contract Value (MUR)	Count	Contract Value (MUR)
Buildings	5	654,926,482.59	3	343,273,889.64
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	4	306,422,562.91	6	1,073,367,661.38
Public Utilities	0	0.00	6	5,781,113,558.61
Other Works	8	4,475,600,439.36		0.00
SUB-TOTAL (WORKS)	17	5,436,949,484.86	15	7,197,755,109.63
Goods	2	94,014,480.00	3	1,023,928,286.54
Other Services	8	1,627,173,200.12	7	882,229,362.12
GRAND TOTAL	27	7,158,137,164.98	25	9,103,912,758.29

4.6 Challenges and Appeals

Aggrieved bidders may challenge the procurement proceedings within five (5) days from either the invitation to bid or from the opening of bids, and seven days following the notification of awards of contracts.

Bidders who claim to have suffered, or to be likely to suffer, loss or injury due to a breach of duty imposed by the PPA on a public body or the Board may challenge the procurement proceedings. The challenge must be submitted to the public body, as per the provisions laid down in the PPA, within the prescribed time. The Board would then provide the public body materials for reply to the challenge made by the aggrieved bidders. In the absence of a decision by the public body within the prescribed time of seven days or where bidders are still not satisfied with the decision of the public body, they may apply to the Independent Review Panel (IRP) for a review of the procurement proceedings.

During the financial year 2024–2025, five (5) bidders filed challenges. For one project, the aggrieved bidder was satisfied with the reply provided by the Public Body and did not proceed further. In the case of the remaining four (4) projects, the bidders submitted applications for review to the Independent Review Panel (IRP). All four cases were determined as having ‘No Merit’ by the IRP.



5.0 Approval of Award of Contracts in Financial Year 2024–2025

Approval for award of contracts was made for a total of 25 projects during the financial year 2024–2025. A comprehensive list of the projects approved is provided in the table below.

Table 9 – Approval of Award of Contracts, 2024–2025

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
Buildings		
1	Construction of Multipurpose Sport Complex/Gymnasium at Stanley, Rose Hill	108,952,150.51
2	Construction of New Laboratory Block at John Kennedy College, Beau Bassin	117,800,000.00
3	Construction of a New Fire Station at Montagne Blanche	116,521,739.13

Table 9 – Approval of Award of Contracts (Continued)

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions		
4	Framework Agreement for Road Maintenance & Minor Works (2023–2026)	–
5	Reconstruction of Beau Champ Bridge at Bel Ombre	162,537,053.65
6	Construction of about 30 km Track Roads including footpaths and Other Civil Works in Rodrigues	207,172,107.75
7	Upgrading of Julius Nyerere Avenue BI and construction of BI–MI Link Road – Design and Build/Turnkey	288,800,000.00
8	Upgrading of Roadside Drain on A10 Road at Plaine Magnien	283,558,500.00
9	Construction of Drains and Culverts/Bridges in Rodrigues Lot 1	131,300,000.00

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
Public Utilities		
10	Construction of Rivière des Anguilles Dam Project Prequalification of Contractors	–
11	Contract WW 512W–Sewerage Project at Caro Lalo Vallée des Prêtres	216,277,998.00
12	Grand Baie Sewerage Project Phase I B Contract WW519W–Refurbishment of the Mon Choisy Wastewater Treatment Plant For the Grand Baie Sewerage Project–Phase I B Lot 1	293,388,586.25
13	Procurement of 3500 x 2.0 Kwac Grid –Tie Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic kits for the Republic of Mauritius	249,523,523.21
14	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Two 20 MW/60 MWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)	1,170,888,524.48
15	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Ten 66/22 Kv GIS substations	3,851,034,926.67

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
Goods		
16	Procurement of lubricating oil for CEB's Thermal Power Stations (Under Framework Agreement)	314,316,818.60
17	Procurement of Dialysis Consumables kits (For Years 2025–2027)	280,117,926.00
18	Procurement of Orthopedic Implants for all Hospitals for 2 years–2024 to 2026	429,493,541.90

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
Other Services		
19	Procurement of cleaning and maintenance of Toilet Blocks on Beaches for Lots 1, 2 & 4	180,913,634.12
20	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal of Waste Including Carting Away of Post-Cyclonic Waste for the Villages of Mahebourg, Beau Vallon, Ville Noire, Residence La Chaux and Blue Bay Localities for a period of 24 months	93,600,000.00
21	Beach cleaning, Refuse Collection, Maintenance of Toilet Blocks and Provision of Waterwasting services on main Public Beaches for Lots 1, 2 and 3 for a period of three years	281,599,600.00
22	Procurement of Services for Provision of Scavenging Services, Street Cleaning including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes within the Municipal Council of Curepipe for a period of 36 months for Housing Estates	121,932,000.00
23	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, including carting away of post-cyclonic waste in the coastal village at Trou D'eau Douce	37,848,000.00
24	Procurement of services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including carting away of Post Cyclonic waste for Lot 1 and Lot 2 for a period of 12 months	165,060,000.00
25	Provision for Cleaning Services for Toilets/Blocks/Premises, Toilet/Bathrooms and Sluices in All Hospitals and other Institutions for period of Two (2) years (Lot 6)	1,276,128.00

6.0 MAJOR PROJECTS APPROVED BY CPB



Reconstruction of Beau Champ Bridge
at Bel Ombre



Completion of La Vigie – La Brasserie –
Beaux Songes Link Road (Phase 2)



Construction of Multipurpose Sport Complex/Gymnasium
at Stanley, Rose Hill



Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of a 20 MW Battery
Energy Storage System (BESS)

GLOSSARY

AfDB	African Development Bank
BEC	Bid Evaluation Committee
BOC	Bid Opening Committee
BOT	Build Operate Transfer
CIA	Construction Industry Authority
CC	Competition Commission
CE	Chief Executive
CPB	Central Procurement Board
CTB	Central Tender Board
CPO	Central Procurement Officer
DBD	Draft Bidding Documents
DCE	Deputy Chief Executive
EOI	Expression of Interest
FCC	Financial Crime Commission
IRP	Independent Review Panel
MUR	Mauritian Rupee
MOF	Ministry of Finance
ONB	Open National Bidding
OIB	Open International Bidding
PB	Public Body
PPA	Public Procurement Act 2006, as Amended
PPO	Procurement Policy Office
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
RB	Restricted Bidding
RRA	Rodrigues Regional Assembly
SBD	Standard Bidding Document
SIL	State Informatics Limited
TC	Technical Committee





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